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precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant is 0.09 mol or less per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.

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13. (Thrice Amended) A high-bulk density detergent composition having a bulk density of 500 g/L or more, comprising detergent granules prepared by the method of claim 16 or 17.

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16. (Amended) A method for producing detergent granules, comprising the step of dry-neutralizing a liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant with a water-soluble, solid, alkali inorganic substance, wherein a dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.1 to 1.0 mol of a sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant, and wherein the sulfuric acid is added to the starting material components, including the liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant, and wherein the resulting detergent granules contain the non-soap, anionic surfactant in an amount of 28% by weight or more and less than 50% by weight, and have a molar ratio of (inorganic salt undetectable by x-ray diffraction method)/(non-soap, anionic surfactant) of from 0.1 to 1.0, and wherein the inorganic salt undetectable by x-ray diffraction method is sodium sulfate.

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17. (Amended) A method for producing detergent granules, comprising the step of dry-neutralizing a liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant with a water-soluble, solid, alkali inorganic substance, wherein a dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.3 to 1.0 mol of a sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant, and wherein the sulfuric acid is added to the starting material components, including the liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant, and wherein the resulting detergent granules contain the non-soap, anionic surfactant in an amount of 10% by weight or more and less than 28% by weight, and have a molar ratio of (inorganic salt undetectable by x-ray diffraction method)/(non-soap, anionic surfactant) of from 0.3 to 1.0, and wherein the inorganic salt undetectable by x-ray diffraction method is sodium sulfate.

Please add the following new claims:

--20. A detergent granule prepared by the method of claim 16 or 17.

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21. The method according to claim 16, wherein the dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.3 to 0.8 mol

of said sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.

22. The method according to claim 16, wherein the dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.35 to 0.7 mol of said sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.

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23. The method according to claim 17, wherein the dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.3 to 0.8 mol of said sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.

24. The method according to claim 17, wherein the dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the presence of 0.35 to 0.7 mol of said sulfuric acid per mol of said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.--
